



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 551

February Session, 2004

Substitute Senate Bill No. 529

Senate, April 13, 2004

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CENTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-65 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2004*):

4 (b) The board of education operating a vocational agriculture center
5 may charge, subject to the provisions of section 10-65b, tuition for a
6 school year in an amount not to exceed one hundred [two] twenty per
7 cent of the foundation level pursuant to subdivision [(7)] (9) of section
8 10-262f, as amended, per student for the fiscal year in which the tuition
9 is paid, except that such board may charge tuition for (1) students
10 enrolled under shared-time arrangements on a pro rata basis and (2)
11 special education students which shall not exceed the actual costs of
12 educating such students minus the amounts received pursuant to
13 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section and subsection (c) of
14 this section. Any tuition paid by such board for special education

15 students in excess of the tuition paid for non-special-education
 16 students shall be reimbursed pursuant to section 10-76g, as amended.

17 Sec. 2. Section 10-64 of the general statutes is amended by adding
 18 subsection (d) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

19 (NEW) (d) Any local or regional board of education which does not
 20 furnish vocational agricultural training approved by the State Board of
 21 Education shall designate a school or schools having such a course
 22 approved by the State Board of Education as the school which any
 23 person may attend who has completed an elementary school course
 24 through the eighth grade. The board of education shall pay the tuition
 25 and reasonable and necessary cost of transportation of any person
 26 under twenty-one years of age who is not a graduate of a high school
 27 or vocational school and who attends the designated school, provided
 28 transportation services may be suspended in accordance with the
 29 provisions of section 10-233c. Each such board's reimbursement
 30 percentage pursuant to section 10-266m, as amended, for expenditures
 31 in excess of eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in the fiscal year
 32 beginning July 1, 2004, and in each fiscal year thereafter, shall be
 33 increased by an additional twenty percentage points.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2004</i> |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2004</i> |

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

A subdivision reference in section 1 was changed for accuracy.

ED *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R* APP

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

| Municipalities | Effect | FY 05 | FY 06 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Local and Regional School Districts | STATE MANDATE - Potential Cost | \$1.5 million | \$1.5 million |
| Local and Regional School Districts | Potential Revenue Gain | \$1.5 million | \$1.5 million |

Explanation

This bill results in a potential cost of \$1.5 million to sending local and regional school districts due to a potential increase in tuition of \$1,060 per student sent to a vocational agriculture program. This would be a like increase in revenue to local and regional school districts operating vocational agriculture programs should they choose to make the maximum allowable increase in the tuition they charge.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CENTERS**SUMMARY:**

The bill increases the maximum tuition a school district operating a vocational agriculture ("vo-ag") center can charge other districts for each student they send to the center from 102% to 120% of the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) foundation amount. Since the ECS foundation is currently set at \$5,891 per student through June 30, 2005, the bill raises the maximum vo-ag center tuition from the current \$6,009 to \$7,069 per student.

The bill also repeats in the vo-ag center law (§ 10-64) an existing statute concerning student attendance at vo-ag training elsewhere when their home school district does not offer it (§10-97(b)). This change appears to have no legal effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2004

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 24 Nay 1

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 49 Nay 0